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## Moms, dads use different languages

Professor:  
Gender bias  
affects kids

By Stephanie Hill  
Staff Reporter

A psychology professor from Boston University argued Tuesday that gender-based differences in speech can carry subtle but strong messages to children.

Jean Berko Gleason, in a presentation titled "Tigers and Sweeties: Gender Differences in Parents," discussed the use of certain terms and words that could affect a child's life.

"My lecture is entitled 'Tigers and Sweeties' because of a conversation I had with a colleague of mine," Gleason said. "My colleague said she had twins, a boy and a girl, whom she called 'tiger' and 'sweetie.'"

Gleason used studies her colleagues conducted as examples along with their findings during the lecture.

First she explained the "claimed gender differences" between males and females. She found women use more color terms, milder expletives, more empty words, hedged speech and are more uncertain when they say something.

"When you ask a female, for example, the color of this screen, she will say 'blue' with the ending raised up in a question; or she will say 'it's blue, isn't it?' like she is not certain that it truly is that color,"

Gleason said to illustrate her point.

She also found men speak in more monotone, low voices, swear more, are less polite and interrupt more.

"I also found that women talk as if they are smaller than they really are, and men talk as if they are larger than they really are," Gleason said.

Gleason also addressed the issue of stereotypes reinforced by language.

She pointed out that many claim gender differences as stereotypes, but most know that there are stereotypes for other kinds of speech as well, such as what cowboys or French people say.

"How do cowboys address each other?" Gleason asked. "They say 'Howdy, partner.' That is a stereotype about language because they really might not all say that when they greet each other."

Her studies found gender differences in children's speech. For example, boys use differences in children's speech. For example, boys use language for asserting dominance and are more likely to call each other names. Girls are more collaborative and ask more questions.

Gleason found moms and dads speak differently to their children. In her studies, Gleason and her colleagues had many different ways of observing parents with their children. They studied moms and dads separately in a laboratory setting with their children, observed 24

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## Wall to wall



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Sophomore Christopher Jones climbs the wall in the Recreation Center last night. Jones has been a supervisor of the wall for two years.



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Hillel members Jennifer Segel and Harrison Billew enjoy the passover dinner at McCallie Dining Hall last night.

## Group offers Jewish students new approach

Participation in  
events, holidays  
encouraged

By Dennis Sterle  
Staff Writer

One of the newest organizations on campus looks to provide students with the opportunity to attend Jewish functions.

Hillel has only been in existence for two weeks and has held one event, a social gathering in the Keathley University Center for interested students. Out of a compiled list of 29 Jewish students, 11 showed interest in the new group.

"Our goal is to provide Jewish students at MTSU with

the ability to participate in Jewish events and holidays on campus," said Isaac Nuell, acting president for the group.

Vanderbilt is the closest university with a Hillel organization, and the group conducts its own religious services, which is a long-term goal for MTSU's group.

"For us to put on our own service it takes a lot of effort and time," Nuell said. "Plus a decent size facility."

The group plans to visit Vanderbilt services, and they have been welcomed into the Synagogue downtown, according to Nuell.

Nuell also said Hillel is a worldwide campus

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## Author examines three different 'Souths' in lecture

Weather, plants  
distinctions

By Wendy Caldwell  
Staff Writer

A sociologist and author from North Carolina tried to pinpoint the characteristics of the South and their implications in a lecture held on campus last night.

John Shelton Reed, the William Rand Kenan Jr. Professor Emeritus of Sociology at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, presented a lecture titled "What's Southern About the South?" at the 12th Annual Windham Lecture in Liberal Arts yesterday, held in the State Farm Lecture Hall in the Business and Aerospace Building.

Reed tried to focus on defining the South.

"The South is an idea," Reed said.

Reed explained that in certain regions, almost the entire community identifies with being Southern.

"Ninety-eight percent of the people in Alabama don't they're in the South. I don't know where the other 2 percent think they are," Reed said. In Tennessee, 97 percent of the population believe their community is in the South.

Reed mentioned some defining characteristics of the South, including weather and foliage.



Photo by Jenny Cordle | Chief Photographer

Sociologist John Shelton Reed answers questions after lecturing about Southern culture in the BAS yesterday.

Reed then showed a map of where kudzu grows in the United States - only in the South.

"That's about as good a definition [of the South] as you're going to find," Reed said.

Reed explained that there are three different "Souths" and described the characteristics of each.

To introduce the first South, Reed displayed a map of where cotton grew in 1909. Reed referred to this South as Dixie. A current map showing counties of more than 25 percent black populations almost exactly mirrored the cotton map.

Although race relations were worse in Dixie than the rest of the United States, 5,000 of the country's 8,000 black officials

come from the South - 1,500 from Mississippi alone. These areas also have larger concentrations of streets named after Martin Luther King Jr., as displayed on another map.

"It apparently hasn't occurred to anybody in North and South Dakota to name a street after Martin Luther King Jr.," Reed said.

Reed also explained that this South is characterized by poverty. In the 1930s, the area's per capita income was half the U.S. average, while today it's more than 90 percent.

"If you're looking for out-houses, Kentucky's not a bad place to start looking," Reed said.

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## War in Iraq

### Iraqis celebrate falling regime

By Deborah Kong  
Associated Press

Iraqis in Michigan paraded through the streets waving American and Iraqi flags, while others around the nation greeted signs that Saddam Hussein's regime is crumbling with tears of joy.

Worries about relatives in their homeland persisted, but a wave of relief washed over many in the Iraqi-American community yesterday as they saw news reports of collapsing opposition to U.S. troops in Baghdad.

"This is a day we've been waiting for 35 years," said Feisal Amin Al-Istrabadi, a Chicago lawyer who went in late to work after watching events unfold on television. "It's a tremendous relief that it seems that this is the beginning of the end. I'm very, very proud to be an American today, as well as an Iraqi."

Spontaneous celebrations broke out in cities with large Iraqi-American populations. In Dearborn, Mich., about 1,200 people gathered in Hemlock Park, chanting and waving British, American and Iraqi flags. In El Cajon, Calif., home to about 6,000 Iraqi Kurds, about 150 people rejoiced in the streets. And in Everett, Wash., hundreds of jubilant Iraqi immigrants danced and chanted on Colby Avenue, horns blaring.

Earlier in Dearborn, a largely Arab Detroit suburb, people stood on car roofs while others chanted slogans in Arabic, including "Hey hey, Saddam, hey Saddam, where are you going to escape to?" and "Saddam is dead, long live Iraq." At one point, the crowd used candy to pelt a large cardboard drawing of Saddam, took the picture out into the street, jumped on it and eventually tore it in half.

"Today is my birthday," said Ali Al-Ghazali, 46, a native of southern Iraq. "But it's also the birthday for all Iraqis."

Salah Flaih, who decorated his Manchester, N.H., convenience store with American flags and a life-sized cardboard cutout of President Bush, hopped up and down as he watched television images of U.S. Marines and Iraqis topple a 40-foot statue of Saddam that stood in the center of Baghdad's al-Firdos (Paradise) Square.

"Oh, the Iraqi people are happy now," said Flaih, 49, who moved to New Hampshire with his wife and sons 2.5 years ago. "It's the happiest moment in my life. It's my liberation day."

For Iraqi immigrants in Southern California, Wednesday became an instant holiday. Basam Alhussaini, 39, left work when he saw the statue of Saddam fall on television.

"The moment was a dream come true," the San Dimas, Calif., engineer said. "I could pinch myself. Saddam Hussein means fear to all Iraqis." ♦



## Sweeties:

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families at dinner, observed in homes and shared data available from the Child Language Data Exchange Program.

"Our research found that dads, compared to moms, are more complex with their vocabulary and call their children funny names, such as 'tiger,' are more cognitively demanding, more playful, more authoritative, less in touch with their children, and there are greater differences in speech to boys versus girls than in mothers' speech," Gleason continued.

Their studies also found moms and girls talk about past speech more than fathers and boys, moms are more insistent on politeness, and females use more direct quotes in reported speech.

"You don't hear a guy say, 'So, I said, are you going to wear jeans?' And then he said, 'No I'm not.' Whereas girls talk using more direct quotes," Gleason said.

"There are subtle but pervasive differences in speech to boys and girls," Gleason said. "Additionally, females are affectionate and are talked [to] more with baby talk, whereas boys can be called 'tiger' and are talked to more in a tough manner.

"Parents' speech to children carries important but often hidden messages," Gleason said.

Gleason's lecture, in the State Farm Lecture Hall in the Business and Aerospace Building, was sponsored by several campus departments as part of National Women's History Month.

Gleason is the former director of Boston University's Graduate Program in Applied Linguistics.

She has been the president of the International Association for the Study of Child Language and is the author and editor of textbooks on language development and psycholinguistics. Gleason attended Radcliff and Harvard Universities. ♦

## Hillel: Vanderbilt organization used as foundation for MTSU group

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organization, and MTSU is the newest to join.

"They aren't established every day," Nuell said.

The group is a conservative Jewish organization that supports MTSU and other campus groups across the nation through grants and unlimited resources.

These resources include archives documenting issues

such as the current conflict in Israel and the Holocaust.

The group also provides trips to Israel mainly for Jewish students who have never been.

Nuell's father, Lon, who works in the art department, and Vanderbilt Hillel advisers started the group, according to Nuell.

"This is something that he has been wanting for quite a while," Nuell said.

Many faculty members also

participated in the group's first social gathering.

"Hillel isn't an organization to say you are or are not a member," Nuell said.

"We are required to allow any student to come, but we definitely want the Jewish students to come. We don't want to charge people for a religious organization.

"The ideal of a religious organization is to allow members of that faith to practice

their religion with other members of that faith. That is our goal, but no one can turn people away for religion or gender," Nuell said.

The group welcomes all students to come and learn about another culture and religion.

The group will sponsor a lecture featuring Rabbi Bent Melchior April 29 at 7 p.m. in the Business and Aerospace Building's State Farm Lecture Hall.

Melchior's father was head rabbi of Denmark during the Holocaust, and he is also a survivor of the Holocaust.

"We are a baby, we're crawling, but with the help of the faculty and members of the group we will take our first step soon," Nuell said.

For more information, contact Nuell at [ing2a@mtsu.edu](mailto:ing2a@mtsu.edu) or visit the Hillel Web site at [www.hillel.org](http://www.hillel.org). ♦

## South Lecture: Dialect catching on among many young non-Southerners

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Reed concluded the discussion of the Dixie South by saying it won't be around much longer.

"This South is going with the wind, and, for the most part, good riddance," Reed said.

The second South, Reed discussed, was an emerging new South — one that is more business-oriented, focusing on Southern companies.

"Delta [Air Lines] got its start as a crop-dusting service to fight the boll weevil. You can't get more Southern than that," Reed said.

For many successful Southern companies, Reed noted, headquarters are located in Atlanta, which Reed attrib-

uted as being "our [Southern] nation's capital."

Reed also cited BellSouth, *Southern Living* magazine and *The Wall Street Journal's* Southeastern advertising district as products of this emerging South.

The final South, Reed said, is defined by things done in a "Southern way." This Southern culture spread to other regions of the United States as well.

"We've exported barbecue more successfully than we've exported grits," Reed said of the spread of traditionally Southern foods.

Another characteristic Reed discussed was speech. Reed noted once-Southern phrases like "y'all," "fixing to" and "might could" are spreading

among young non-Southerners.

Religion in the South is still prevalent. About 90 percent of Southerners, excluding Texans and Florida residents, are Protestant, and slightly more than half are Baptists.

Beer and wine consumption is less in the South, while consumption of soft drinks is much greater. Coca-Cola was introduced in Atlanta the year Atlanta became a "dry city."

The South also has fewer cremations, more executions and more corporal punishment in schools.

Reed also discussed the South's popular culture. Most country music singers were born in the South, and Tennessee, Texas and Louisiana are the states most often men-

tioned in country music songs.

"People don't sing country music songs about Orlando," Reed said.

Reed also commented on the popularity of Southern television shows and football. Most NFL players are from Southern states.

"This South is going to be around, I'm confident, for a long time," Reed said.

Reed defined the South as where one can find Southerners. The majority of people who identify themselves as Southerners are from what Reed defines as the South: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina,

Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

Reed, originally from Kingsport, Tenn., studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Columbia University.

He has written and edited several books and has served as director of the Howard Odum Institute for Research in Social Science. He also helped to found the Center for the Study of the American South.

The Windham Lecture in Liberal Arts was established in 1990 by former history department chair William Windham and his wife, Westy. ♦

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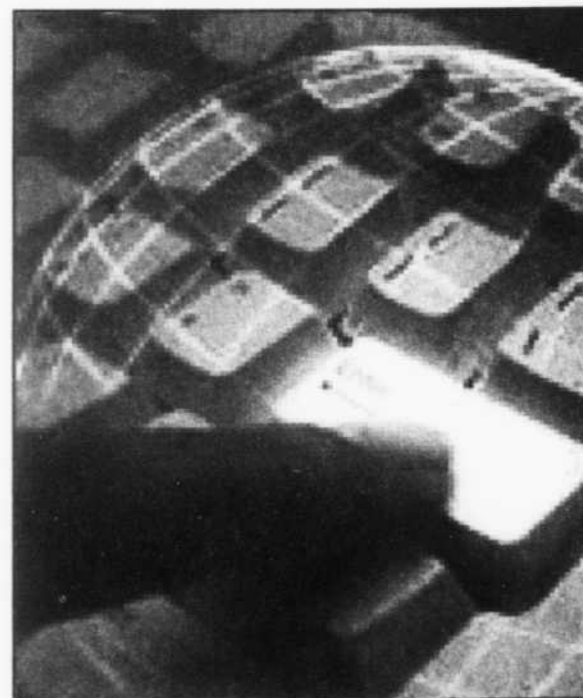
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Compiled By Amanda Maynard - News Editor



## Iraqis loot building, sign of collapse of authority

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Widespread, often jubilant looting of government buildings erupted Wednesday in numerous Baghdad neighborhoods, a clear sign that Saddam Hussein's authority had collapsed. Marine tanks rolled into the commercial heart of the city, greeted by people cheering and waving white flags.

At police stations, universities, government ministries and the headquarters of the Iraq Olympic Committee, looters unhindered by any police presence made off with computers, furniture, even military jeeps. One young man used roller skates to wheel away a refrigerator.

Even as the populace seemed suddenly to feel freed of Saddam's control, U.S. officers said their forces faced continued resistance, fierce but disorganized, from small groups of hold-out pro-Saddam fighters. The U.S. Central Command reacted cautiously to the euphoria and chaos in Baghdad.

U.S. commanders also focused attention on other targets to the north - Saddam's hometown of Tikrit, still a stronghold of loyalist troops, and the northern city of Mosul. Command spokesman Lt. Mark Kitchens said special operations forces and airstrikes were "actively engaging" Iraqi forces in both cities.

The fate of Saddam remained unknown; his supporters retained control of the upscale Baghdad neighborhood targeted by four 2,000-pound bombs in a U.S. strike aimed at killing the Iraqi president.

## Kurdish-U.S. forces seize important military target

IRBIL, Iraq (AP) - As American troops strengthened their hold on Baghdad, U.S. special operations forces fought Iraqi forces and allied warplanes pounded away at Iraqi positions Wednesday in the key northern city of Mosul.

Allied forces were "actively engaging" Iraqi forces in Mosul and Saddam's Hussein's hometown of Tikrit according to Lt. Mark Kitchens, a U.S. Central Command spokesman.

U.S. special forces and Kurdish peshmerga fighters seized a strategic hilltop earlier Wednesday near Mosul, an important commercial center that has been in Iraqi hands, a senior Kurdish leader said.

The area called Maqloub had been heavily defended by Iraqi forces and served as a hub for air defenses against coalition air strikes as well as a munitions center, said Hoshyar Zebari, a leading member of the ruling Kurdistan Democratic Party. It is about 10 miles northeast of the commercial center of Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city.

"From our perspective it was the most important gain ... so far," Zebari said. "This shows the crumbling of the northern front."

## Two medical workers disappear in Baghdad

From the Associated Press - Two members of the Doctors Without Borders relief group have vanished in Baghdad, prompting the group to stop working in a country that desperately needs medical attention.

The disappearances come at a time of increasing civil disorder in Iraq, where roving gangs of bandits and general lawlessness are making parts of the country too unsafe for them to help civilians.

Two of the six people working in Iraq for Doctors Without Borders, known internationally as Medecins Sans Frontieres, disappeared on April 2 and haven't been heard from since, said Nicolas de Torrente, the group's U.S. executive director.

The organization says it believes that Iraqi authorities may be holding mission head Francois Calas, 43, of France, and Ibrahim Younis, a 31-year-old logistics expert from the Sudan.

## EU Parliament approves historic expansion

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) - European Parliament ratified the EU's historic expansion eastward on Wednesday, paving the way for 10 new members to join next year.

In 10 separate votes on each candidate, the 626-member EU assembly, meeting in Strasbourg, France, voted overwhelmingly to back their accession to the club, which is scheduled for May 1, 2004.

All 10 candidates - Poland, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Slovakia, Malta and Cyprus - got the parliament's backing, despite some doubts from some legislators.

"The time for enlargement has come and that time is now," European Parliament President Pat Cox said after the vote.

"This is the choice to put an end to a Europe fractured by Europe's barbaric 20th century and to create ... a Europe reconciled and united, around common ideals and common values," Cox added.

After the European Parliament vote, all 15 EU national parliaments must also approve the expansion. In the new members, referendums are being organized on EU entry.

Voters in Malta and Slovenia have already backed membership. Hungary is the next country to vote, on Saturday.

## Israeli airstrike kills Hamas commander in Gaza

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) - A missile fired by an Israeli aircraft blew up a car in Gaza City, killing a top Hamas commander and six other people in an attack that ended a lull in Israeli airstrikes since the beginning of the war in Iraq.

The killing of Saed Arabeed, 38, on Tuesday was followed by a string of attacks. Hamas militants retaliated by shooting a rocket at the Israeli town of Sderot on Wednesday, and Israeli troops said they opened fire on another group of Palestinians approaching a rocket launcher. Doctors said two farmers were wounded by gunfire.

In a separate clash, troops shot and killed a 21-year-old man who was standing near a group of children throwing rocks at soldiers, Palestinian doctors said. Army officials did not immediately comment.

On Tuesday, two Israeli F-16 warplanes flew low over Gaza

City after nightfall, breaking the sound barrier minutes before a missile slammed into a white Subaru on a street in Gaza City, turning the vehicle into a pile of flaming rubble. A second missile exploded in the street, wounding at least 50 bystanders, witnesses and doctors said.

## Attorneys general join to keeping cash flowing

CHICAGO (AP) - A judge who had ordered Philip Morris USA to pay a \$12 billion bond before it appeals a court loss said a compromise may be reached that would allow the tobacco giant to continue the paying out billions of dollars into state coffers.

Madison County Judge Nicholas Byron on Tuesday ordered lawyers for Philip Morris and the plaintiffs, who won a lawsuit over the firm's so-called light cigarettes, to reach a compromise on the bond.

"I see some possibilities for resolving this matter," Byron said, before asking reporters to leave the courtroom. "What will be reached will be reached on a consensual basis."

Lawyers for Philip Morris were joined by attorneys general in 37 states and U.S. territories in urging that Byron reduce the bond, saying the original amount would leave nothing for the twice-yearly payouts the states have grown to depend on since the 1998 national tobacco settlement.

Some cash-strapped states have already spent their share of the \$2.6 billion that the firm is supposed to distribute April 15 as part of the settlement.

## Bill to freeze postal rates for three years passes

WASHINGTON (AP) - Americans will be spared another rise in the price of stamps for three years under legislation en route to President Bush for signature into law.

The legislation takes advantage of a discovery that the money-losing post office was paying far too much into the Civil Service Retirement System, a program that covers employees who joined the force before 1984.

The bill, which passed the House 424-0 on Tuesday, allows the Postal Service to correct its payment formula, but under the condition that the savings be used to pay off the agency's debts and to stop any further rate increases until at least 2006.

The bill passed the Senate last week.

## U.S. leaders still unclear about Hussein's condition

WASHINGTON (AP) - For U.S. leaders, the latest airstrike aimed at Saddam Hussein has returned the Iraqi president to the limbo he had occupied after the first bombs nearly three weeks ago. Officials just don't know if he is alive or dead.

After videotapes were aired last week in which Saddam seemed to refer to wartime events, officials said he probably had survived the March 20 strike aimed at killing him.

Then on Monday, U.S. intelligence learned that Saddam and sons were possibly going to attend a meeting with Iraqi intelligence officials in a building in the al-Mansour neighborhood of western Baghdad.

The site was in the same general part of Baghdad where Iraqi television had shown Saddam being mobbed by supporters on Friday, said one U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The intelligence information was passed to U.S. Central Command, which directed a B-1B bomber to the site. Forty-five minutes later, it dropped four bombs.

## U.S. forces seize Baghdad, find weapons cache

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - U.S. forces battled the tattered remnants of Iraq's army for control of downtown Baghdad on Tuesday, crushing a counterattack and seizing a military airport. Saddam Hussein's fate was unknown after an attempt to kill him from the air.

Inside the capital to stay, some Army units routed Iraqi fighters from a Republican Guard headquarters. Others discovered a 12-room complex inside a cave, complete with white marble floors. ♦

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From the Editorial Board

## Being from the South not laughable offense

Living in the South gives you the chance to be the butt of some really nasty jokes.

According to much popular sentiment throughout America, Southerners are bare-footed, uneducated, clumsy, dim-witted, tooth-pickin', banjo-strummin' Klan members.

Of course, we Southerners know this couldn't be farther from the truth – for at least 98 percent of us. The South, as a whole, is as progressive and educated as the remainder of the United States (which may not be that educated and progressive, we admit).

The stereotypical hillbilly is as much of a hyperbolic caricature as the California valley girl or the street-wise Brooklyn cop. Only, it seems that people can't really get past the Southern stereotypes that label us as dumb and, perhaps worse, extremely annoying.

This results in a climate in which Southerners struggle to be taken seriously everywhere except in the South itself – especially in the professional and business worlds.

Research has proven that these strong stereotypes affect the way Southerners are treated. A study done by researchers at the University of North Texas found that job-seekers with Southern accents were more often recommended for lower-level jobs than their Midwest-accented counterparts. The result was that Southerners ended up being recommended for lower-profile, lower-paying jobs – despite their often lofty academic and professional achievements that surpassed those with other accents.

John Shelton Reed's lecture last night, "What's Southern about the South?" brought to light some Southern stereotypes and how they relate to everyday Southern life, while highlighting particular Southern quirks and characteristics.

Reed pointed out his theory that there are actually three "Souths" – old-school Dixie, the cultural South and the emerging South – that are diverse and culturally significant, not to mention fascinating.

Reed's acknowledgment that the South is actually as diverse as any other region is reassuring and encouraging.

Stereotyping Southerners is just as counterproductive as stereotyping any other ethnic group.

It's high time that Southerners take pride in their regional homeland, and shun and disprove these stereotypes that seem to be impossible to destroy. ♦

## Bumper stickers oversimplify life

Thursdays



Wesley Jackson  
Staff Columnist

I love to read bumper stickers while I'm driving, especially the ones that have two-to-three paragraphs, small print messages on them. They keep me busy while I'm impatiently waiting for the spotlight to turn green.

One might argue that bumper sticker slogans have become the new creeds, the new declarations of belief in our modern era.

We generally want the big ideas, the life-changing policies and the solutions to the world's problems boiled down to a sound bite, a commercial slogan, a bumper sticker. If the message takes more than that to explain, we don't have the time, the attention span or the interest to listen to it.

Rather than seeking to understand moral behavior and why people do bad things, we're content with the sticker, "Mean people suck."

This is true, of course, but there's more to it than that. Far from being a self-justifying, universal principle, we could've all seen the absurdity if Colin Powell tried to persuade the U.N. Security Council to disarm Iraq followed by the argument, "Ladies and gentlemen, Iraq needs to be disarmed because, well, damn it, mean people suck. And Saddam Hussein is a mean person."

No moral reasoning? Nothing about good verses evil and fighting for truth and justice? Such an argument would have been a joke.

You can't squeeze life, much less war resolutions, into one bumper sticker slogan. Our world is too complex for that.

Another favorite bumper sticker of mine is, "Question authority."

Apparently this phrase

is supposed to summarize America's freedom-loving spirit.

I would love to pull my car up behind those vehicles having the sticker and give their back bumper a little tap. Then, after hearing the drivers yell, "What do you think you're doing?" respond, "Just questioning authority."

But the sticker didn't mean they wanted me to tap their bumper, did it?

Maybe, maybe not. The slogan has tried to take a big idea about freedom and simplify it. But life is not that simple.

Yet another famous bumper-sticker phrase is, "What would Jesus do?"

As if this were an easy, think-about-it-on-your-way-to-work question, this phrase has essentially taken more than 1,500 years of theological debate and ideas by some of the world's foremost thinkers and writers and scrapped it. Those old preachers and priests didn't think it was an easy question. But, somehow, we now think if

everyone just acted like they think Jesus would have, the world would be a better place.

Suffice it to say, there are a lot of different people with a lot of different ideas about what Jesus would, in fact, do. The slogan, by itself, is too simplistic for life.

The more recent bumper sticker, "Books Not Bombs," oversimplifies our current conflict in Iraq.

It's a well-intentioned idea, suggesting that education, not war, brings peace. But the bare-bones phrase ignores the fact that even the most well-educated nations are capable of committing horrific atrocities, as was the case with Nazi Germany. Education is not a miracle-drug, silver-bullet, catchall solution.

And neither is the bumper sticker.

Anyone proposing any solution for war better have more than just a catchy cliché to back up their ideas.

When it comes to making declarations about the world and what we believe, it should always involve more than just a few bumper sticker slogans.

Life is too complex to have all its parts oversimplified by a sound bite.

In order to form accurate ideas about anything, we always need more than just a catchy, shallow phrase.

People need to be talked to, books need to be read, and thoughts need to be mulled over. Forming ideas takes a lot of time and a lot of listening.

Don't settle for a world boxed in by clever clichés and sound bites. Don't let your belief system be limited to a 3-by-12 inch strip of paper on the back of your car.

May your creed for life do more than merely amuse people waiting at traffic lights. ♦

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## Lynch proves combat sexism should be given the boot

Finding Trouble



Audie Sheridan  
Staff Columnist

Jessica Lynch single-handedly ended the debate about women in combat.

Little over a week ago, this 19-year-old woman accidentally came under enemy fire – and she performed excellently. Better, in fact, than most men would have.

Her unit didn't belong in a supply; Pfc. Lynch was a combat clerk, one of the military's 'safe' jobs for women.

The problem with thinking women shouldn't be in combat is that there is no safe rear area anymore.

War isn't as orderly as it once was.

We no longer have front lines, and we haven't had them since the Vietnam War and, to some extent, since the Korean War.

The military allows women to enlist or commission only in so-called non-combat jobs, but in fact, non-combat jobs don't really exist.

There's only one cause for arguing against women in combat, and it's based on the puritanical sexism this country just can't seem to get rid of.

Pfc. Lynch didn't go to Iraq to address this issue, but through circumstance, she did and she did it marvelously. She watched her unit evaporate around her, and she saw her best friend, Lori Ann Piestewa, die next to

her, but she still had the strength to fight and fight well.

She killed several of the attacking force while they closed on her position.

The only thing that stopped her was that terrifying moment when she pulled the trigger and the weapon clicked.

Imagine running out of ammunition while under fire.

Lynch didn't want to be taken alive, but the moment her M-16 ran out of ammunition, her nightmare became reality.

She fought bravely and ended up in the humiliating position of being a POW of war. Being a POW is never something to be ashamed of, and that's not what I mean by humiliating – I mean the actual position she was in.

Helpless, broken, shot and in captivity.

The Iraqi Fedayeen soldiers who captured Lynch tortured her, likely in response to her fighting so well.

The feeling of helplessness under those conditions can be nothing less than humiliating, no matter who you are – man or woman.

Despite that, Pfc. Lynch remained strong and is a soldier our country can be proud of.

The reporters are anxious to report more about her mistreatment, and you can almost sense how badly they want to report some kind of sexual mistreatment.

But, even if something like that did happen, so what?

Men can be and have been raped as POWs, too.

Undeniably, women are at greater risk in this area, but again, so what? Women are far more painfully aware of their position than any man can ever be, so why then are men making this decision for women?

The heightened risk women face, namely pregnancy, does serve as justification for not forcing women to serve in combat roles, but men shouldn't be forced into it either.

On the other hand, no woman should be denied serving in a combat capacity if she wants to.

Withholding such positions from women only serves to foster the men's club only atmosphere in America.

It denies women a choice because certain men think they are incapable of making that choice for themselves. But, as Lynch proved last week, women are no less capable than men.

If women get the chance to break through into this arena, then certain long-held sentiments against them will fold as well.

Perhaps it would even become acceptable to a majority of Americans to elect the long overdue first female president.

It's time to remove the last bastion of government-sponsored sexism. It's time to let women make their own choices. ♦

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## Letters to the Editor—Christians have duty to love

To the Editor:

I'm writing in reply to the article about confronting homosexuality and the Bible ("SpringOut! event tackles Bible, gays," April 7).

First, I agree it's wrong for Christians to point fingers at homosexual individuals and make them feel unwanted and condemned because of their lifestyles. The fact that many homosexuals are treated wrongly by Christians makes me sick to my stomach because Christians are called to love others as Christ did.

I'm a follower of Christ, so I don't totally agree with everything stated in the article. In Leviticus, God clearly states this lifestyle is wrong and against His will. But, homosexuality isn't the only sin. Everyone has sin in some shape or form, and we have all fallen short of God's glory.

I have a hard time understanding how people can attend church and claim to have a close relationship with Christ when they're choosing to continue sinning, knowing it's against God's will. There is hope and freedom in Christ. He wants His children to be free from every sin, not just homosexuality.

Lori Brown

## 'Surprise' work too stressful

To the Editor:

I read Wendy Caldwell's column and agree that syllabi should include specific test and assignment dates ("Syllabus should be mandatory," April 7).

Like Caldwell, I had three tests last Friday and a quiz. I have virtually no study time as it is, let alone free time. Each week, I have 15 hours of school, 25 hours of work, a daughter in kindergarten and a boyfriend I see about once on the average. My time is slim enough.

I don't need the bother of extra assignments and surprise tests thrown in at the last minute. Dates and assignments should be in the syllabus and specified and proper notice given. It really upsets me to know there are parents like me who care about their children, but don't have adequate time to spend with them. I hope the Student Government Association promotes this cause.

Jennifer Haynes

## Focusing on troops important

To the Editor:

I'm writing in response to Andy Stella's letter to the criticizing Jeremy Coseo's column ("Media feeding viewers Bush bologna," April 9). I find several of his statements to be very hypocritical. Stella wrote, "Bush hasn't proven Iraq is a threat. Anyone convinced otherwise has either been granted access to government documents or has been fooled by Bush and his cronies."

Has Stella been granted access to government documents? Is that why he knows Iraq poses no threat?

He also wrote, "Coseo would be surprised to know the opinions of the average person who opposes the war are more well-informed and researched than that of the average war supporter." Most of the war protesters I've seen have no idea what's going on – they just want to get out of class or be on television.

How can anyone think Bush would send our men and women to their deaths for no reason? Why don't people stop bashing Bush and focus on more important things, such as supporting our troops.

Lea Wilson

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## Football team to host Spring Fling

By Grant Ellington  
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee football team will conclude its spring practice with the Blue-White Scrimmage game during the annual Spring Fling Saturday.

The scrimmage will kickoff at 1 p.m. and will be held on the Blue Raider practice field.

Students are urged to come out and show their support in the all-day event, which is free and open to the public. Fans will be able to watch from the field in order to get a feel for all the action, and plenty of room on the opposite practice field will be available for picnics and recreation.

The MT Ticket Office will take

new season ticket orders at the practice field and Lightning's Locker Room will be open for business. After the scrimmage, the Blue Raider players and coaches will be available to sign autographs and take pictures.

The scrimmage will last one hour, and tailgating is encouraged and welcomed in the Greenland Drive parking lot and at the picnic pavilion by the Murphy Center. Blue Raider Concessions will be on hand for the scrimmage as well.

"These kids have made great strides this spring and everyone should come out and support their efforts," head coach Andy McCollum said.

"We are doing the scrimmage game just for our fans because we

"These kids have made great strides this spring and everyone should come out and support their efforts."

— Andy McCollum,  
MT head football coach

firmly believe this is their team. There will be a lot of things to do and I encourage everyone to come see how hard this team works and prepares to make our fans proud."

Football will not be the only sporting event for this year's Spring Fling.

The softball team will host a doubleheader against Western Kentucky, while the volleyball and

soccer teams host tournaments of their own. The softball games will get underway between 1-3 p.m., with Middle Tennessee's own *American Idol* contestant, Meosha Denton, singing the national anthem.

The soccer tourney will get underway at 8 a.m., while the volleyball tournament will start at 9 a.m. ♦

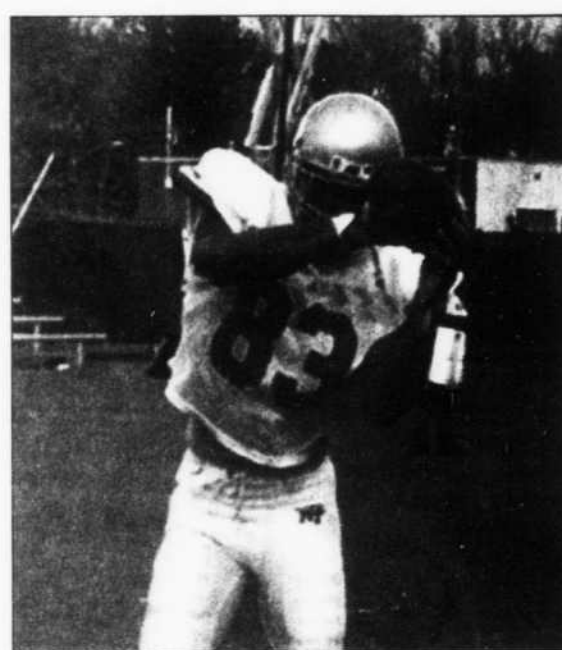


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MT wide receiver Pierre Ingram catches a pass during spring practice.

## Memphis outplays MT, 6-2

By Josh Beasley  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Blue Raiders just can't seem to get things turned around and headed in the right direction after dropping another contest to the Memphis Tigers Tuesday night, 6-2, at a frigid Reese Smith Field.

Brent Dlugach provided the fireworks in the top of the eighth for Memphis, after depositing a B.J. Church fastball over the right field wall, plating three Tigers and adding to the 3-2 lead. The three-run shot would be all the insurance the Tigers would need heading into the ninth inning.

Church settled in and worked seven strong innings and retired eight straight Memphis hitters between the fifth and seventh innings before he gave up a three-run bomb to Dlugach. Church tossed 7.1 innings, surrendering six runs on five hits, while walking three and striking out three Memphis batters.

"[Church] pitched a fine ballgame and he pitched well the last time. He's been throwing well," head coach Steve Peterson said. "As a freshman, he's coming out and working very hard with Coach Ermino. He had much better command with his fastball and the ball was really running good."

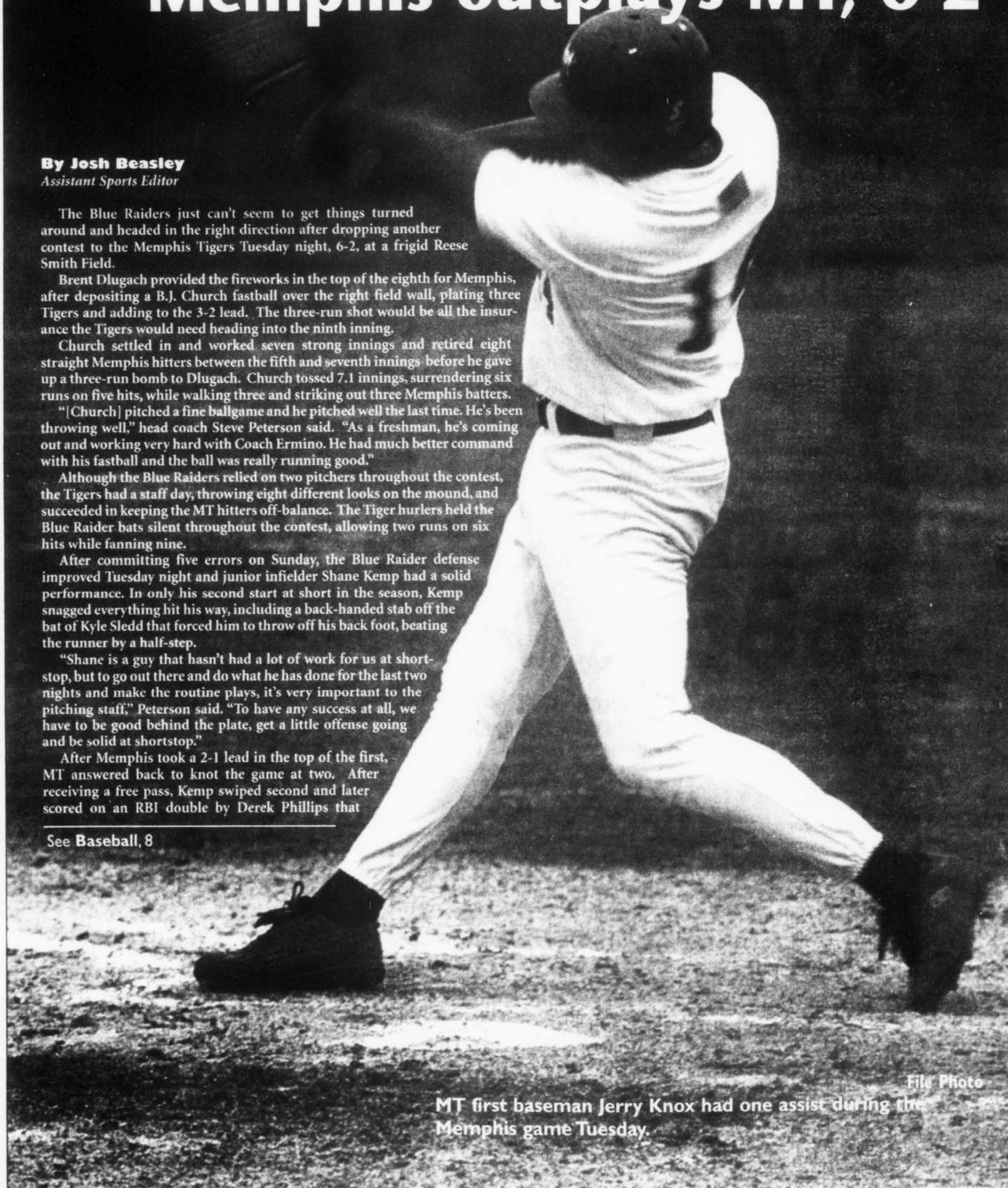
Although the Blue Raiders relied on two pitchers throughout the contest, the Tigers had a staff day, throwing eight different looks on the mound, and succeeded in keeping the MT hitters off-balance. The Tiger hurlers held the Blue Raider bats silent throughout the contest, allowing two runs on six hits while fanning nine.

After committing five errors on Sunday, the Blue Raider defense improved Tuesday night and junior infielder Shane Kemp had a solid performance. In only his second start at short in the season, Kemp snagged everything hit his way, including a back-handed stab off the bat of Kyle Sledd that forced him to throw off his back foot, beating the runner by a half-step.

"Shane is a guy that hasn't had a lot of work for us at shortstop, but to go out there and do what he's done for the last two nights and make the routine plays, it's very important to the pitching staff," Peterson said. "To have any success at all, we have to be good behind the plate, get a little offense going and be solid at shortstop."

After Memphis took a 2-1 lead in the top of the first, MT answered back to knot the game at two. After receiving a free pass, Kemp swiped second and later scored on an RBI double by Derek Phillips that

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File Photo

MT first baseman Jerry Knox had one assist during the Memphis game Tuesday.

## Avalanche have good chance for Stanley Cup

Sports commentary



David Hunter  
Senior Staff Writer

The best of hockey began their hunt for the Stanley Cup yesterday with the start of the NHL playoffs.

The history of the playoffs started back in 1892. The Ottawa Amateur Athletic Association first commissioned the Stanley Cup to be a prize not owned by any one team, but by the organization itself.

Since then, the Stanley Cup has been the long-sought goal of every team in the NHL.

This year, competition should be fierce. Competition has been one of the most interesting seasons of hockey in a long time.

The Ottawa Senators of the Eastern Conference finished the season with the best record in the league. However, there was a point when team was bankrupt. The Senators open the playoffs against the No. 8 seed New York Islanders. Ottawa should take the Islanders in six games.

On the other side, the Dallas Stars are back after a one-year absence from the playoffs. During the off season, the Stars signed several free agents to propel to the top of the Western Conference.

Their first-round matchup is against the Edmonton Oilers. The Stars will win the series in seven games.

The Minnesota Wild, in their third year, will make their first appearance in the playoffs as No. 6 in the West. They will play No. 3 Colorado Avalanche in the first round. However, it will be a short stay for the Wild. Colorado will sweep the team in four games.

In other first-round matchups in the West, No. 2 seed Detroit Red Wings will beat the No. 7 seed Anaheim Mighty Ducks in seven games. No. 4 Vancouver should defeat the No. 5 Saint Louis Blues in seven games.

On the Eastern bracket, No. 2 New Jersey Devils will send the No. 7 Boston Bruins packing in five games.

The No. 7 Washington Capitals should upset the No. 3 Tampa Bay Lightning in a tough five game series. In the final match up, No. 4 Philadelphia Flyers should take care of No. 5 Toronto Maple Leafs in six games.

In the Stanley Cup Finals, Patrick Roy will most likely lead the Avalanche in the final series against New Jersey Devils.

The Avalanche should defeat the Devils in a seven game series to bring home a third Stanley Cup to the city of Denver.

The NHL playoffs will be televised on ABC, ESPN and ESPN2. The Finals are on ESPN for games one and two, and the rest will be on ABC. ♦

## Huskies defeat Volunteers for second time to win national championship

By Elizabeth Davis  
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Tennessee finished the season by losing to Connecticut — again.

It could have been worse.

Last year, the Lady Vols lost by 23 points to their archrivals in the national championship game in San Antonio. Tuesday night, it was only five points but just as painful.

Gwen Jackson and Kara Lawson became only the fifth senior class since 1982 to finish their Tennessee careers without a national championship ring.

Meanwhile, the Huskies won their second straight national title as the Lady Vols continue to

seek a seventh championship and their first since 1998. Tennessee dropped to 0-3 against UConn in title games.

"Both Gwen and I came to Tennessee to win one and that's hard, but you know we came a long way this year. I don't think a lot of people really expected us to be in the national championship after losing some of the games that we did," Lawson said. "There is a bright future for the program. I'm just excited and feel blessed I have been a part of it, because it's a great staff and great teammates."

Because it has been five years since Tennessee's last title, word is that Connecticut is the top program now, not the Lady

Vols.

Tennessee coach Pat Summitt isn't buying it.

"I don't think there is that much difference, quite honestly, in the two programs. Obviously, tonight they were the better team for 40 minutes," Summitt said. "I'm not going to be making a lot of changes. The only thing that I can tell you is that we are going to continue to compete for national championships if I have anything to do with it."

"They obviously won this game tonight and they deserved it, and that doesn't mean that Tennessee is not a premiere basketball program or is a team of the past."

The Lady Vols (33-5) started the season with a 21-point loss to Duke, then lost at Texas and then lost a third time by one in overtime at Connecticut. They went 14-0 in Southeastern Conference games, including a 68-65 nail-biter at then No. 4 LSU, to win their sixth-straight league title.

But LSU avenged the loss in the SEC tournament by beating Tennessee in the championship game.

Still, the Lady Vols earned a No. 1 seed as they hosted the subregional and Mideast Regional. Jackson dominated in the paint, averaging 18.6 points and 10.2 rebounds in the NCAA tournament leading up to the

title game.

She gained motivation and inspiration after her grandmother's death the week of the regional. She played in the regional semifinal instead of attending the funeral.

The Lady Vols breezed through the first three tournament games before meeting Villanova in the regional final, the first game between Summitt and Harry Perretta. Summitt approached Perretta over the summer about learning his motion offense, and she and her staff went to Philadelphia to study it.

Their friendship got lots of

See Championship, 6



# McCollum looks toward 2003 MT football season

By Gary Reynolds  
Contributor

The Blue Raider football team has been hard at work in what turned out to be extremely physical spring training.

Saturday will conclude spring practices with the annual blue-and-white scrimmage. Head coach Andy McCollum is pleased with the progression of his players and staff. He is also excited about the young players adding depth to the team.



McCollum

"Talent is there," McCollum said.

High-powered offense has been a strength at MTSU. However, the much-needed improvement in defense came around last year, when the offense had trouble.

McCollum says the defense is even stronger now, with better tackling, faster linebackers and an improved defensive front. The offense learned from its mistakes and showed improvement during spring training.

Quarterback Andrico Hines has gotten smarter, quicker and more aware. His experience last

season and skills learned in the off-season will definitely show this fall.

McCollum emphasized depth in the receivers. McCollum said that they have talent and are really showing it. The offensive line has shown strength, while Hines and the rest of the backfield are in good hands.

Don Calloway and Kevin Davis, among other good backs, have shown their true colors.

"Young but strong," McCollum said.

McCollum adds a great sense of family and brotherhood among his players and staff. After all he is a family man with his wife, Gwen, and two children, Drew and Andrea. Even his No. 1 role model is "Daddy."

Coming off a disappointing 4-8 season, the Blue Raiders hung together and are using it as a learning experience. McCollum has his team looking ahead for this coming fall for another championship run.

"They are a hungry team," McCollum said.

Attitude and overcoming adversity are the main changes from last year.

According to McCollum, Blue Raider fans can expect an exciting season with players who fight for each other.

Even though players and staff are trying to move on from last season, the Alabama game

will probably stay with them, and the fans will not forget either. For those who did not see the game, there was a holding penalty called on the MTSU nose guard that cost the Blue Raiders the game. But it was a very controversial call.

McCollum gets much respect from his players and staff. He teaches players to believe and keeps them motivated.

"Keeps you on your toes," says assistant coach Kevin Foukuier. "He will not leave any stone unturned."

McCollum returns respect with emotion. After the first victory over Vandy, he hugged every player and then every coach.

As head coach, it is clear McCollum has made a huge impact on the players, coaches, fans, school and community. How long will he coach?

"Till I can't walk," McCollum said.

Coaching was not always on his mind. It wasn't until former football coach and current Athletics Director Boots Donnelly asked him to coach as an assistant.

Then in 1999 McCollum was awarded head coach of MTSU as the school made its giant leap into Division I-A.

"Best thing that's ever happened to me," McCollum said. "I haven't looked back." ♦

## Championship: Summit loses

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attention, especially after Summitt had Perretta and his players over for a cookout during the regional.

The Wildcats, who beat UConn in the Big East Conference tournament to end the Huskies' 70-game winning streak, gave Tennessee a tough time in the first half with their slow, deliberate offense.

But the Lady Vols improved their defense in the second half, and Villanova started missing shots, as Tennessee ran away with a 73-49 victory.

The Lady Vols advanced to their 14th Final Four and got a rematch with Duke in the semifinal. This time, they were able to contain Blue Devils star Alana Beard to advance to the title game with a 66-56 victory.

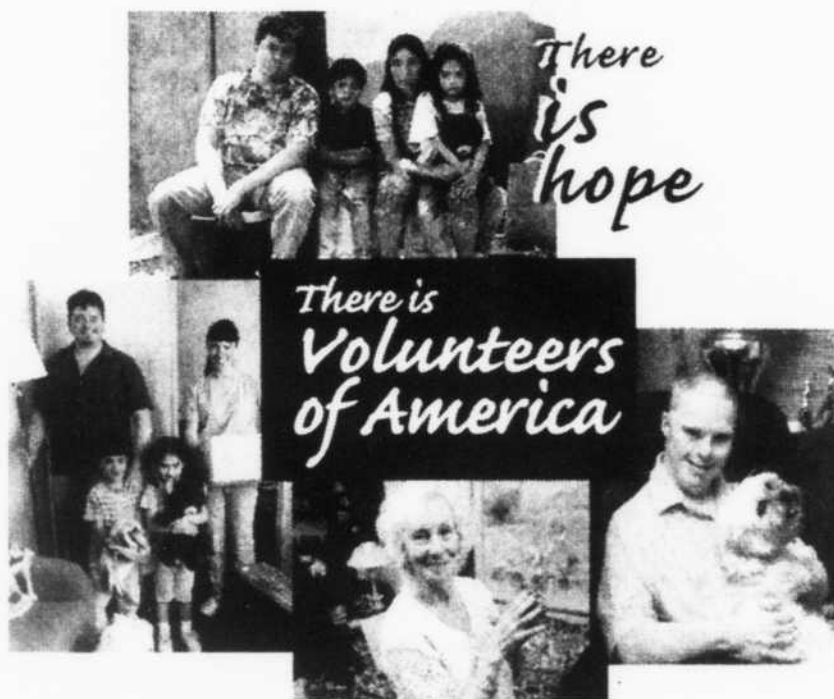
Connecticut beat Texas in the other semifinal, preventing an all-orange final. But the Lady Vols said they didn't care who they played in the championship as long as they got to play.

So it was Connecticut and Diana Taurasi, a junior who's averaged 22 points against Tennessee in the five games previous she's played. The Lady Vols are now 1-5 against Taurasi after she scored 28 points in this game.

"The key to anyone guarding Diana is you have to bring a big attitude," Jackson said. "I think ... she got a lot of open touches. You've got to give her credit. She knocked them down the whole game."

Summitt pointed out some good news for Tennessee.

"Fortunately, she only has one year left," she said. ♦



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## Women's golf places second

By Randall Thomason  
Staff Reporter

Two Lady Raiders placed in the top 10 as the Middle Tennessee women's golf team finished second in the rain shortened Lady Eagle Classic in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Rain washed out the final two rounds of the tournament on Tuesday.

MT's first round score of 311 was good for a second place finish, trailing only Southern Mississippi, the host school, who was the winner with a one round total of 295.

Junior Tamara Munsch, who was named Sun Belt Conference player of the week on March 31, once again led MT, finishing in

a tie for fifth on the strength of a pair of 76s in the opening rounds on Monday. Kandace Burnett also finished in the top 10, posting two rounds of 77 to tie for 10th.

Grace Holmes, Kristin Lynch and Amanda Harter all had their second rounds halted on Monday due to rain. Each completed their first rounds, however, and those scores accounted for their final tallies.

Holmes and Lynch each shot 79 in the opening round and both finished in a tie for 15th, while Amanda Harter placed in a tie for 21st with a score of 80.

MT distanced itself from South Alabama, the only other Sun Belt Conference member in the 12 team field, who finished

8th with a total of 332.

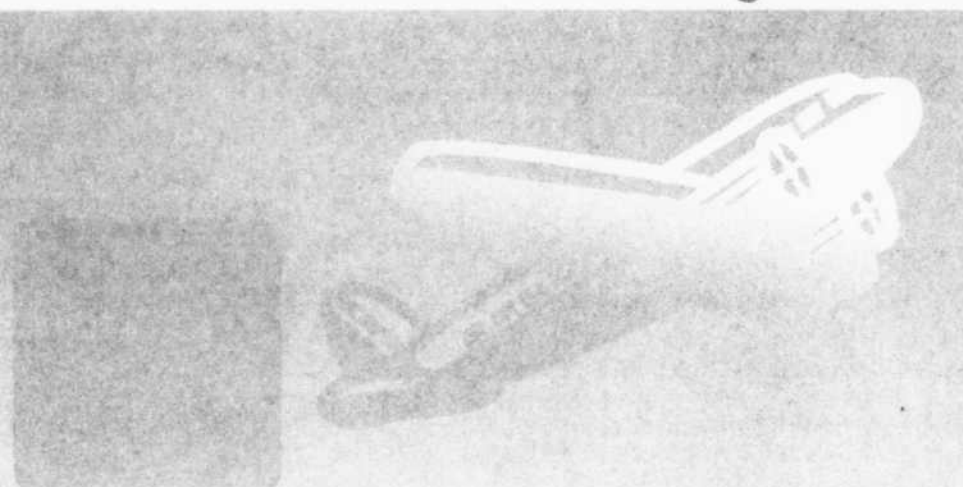
The Lady Raiders also placed ahead of in-state rivals East Tennessee St. and Lipscomb, who placed third and sixth, respectively.

"Top five is definitely a goal," Munsch said to MT Media Relations.

"If we can get everybody together, I think we should be able to get at least top five."

MT will not tee the ball up again until the Sun Belt Conference championship in Niceville, Fla., April 21-23. The Lady Raiders will carry momentum into the tournament after their strong showing in Hattiesburg, and MT has high hopes of performing well in the season-ending event. ♦

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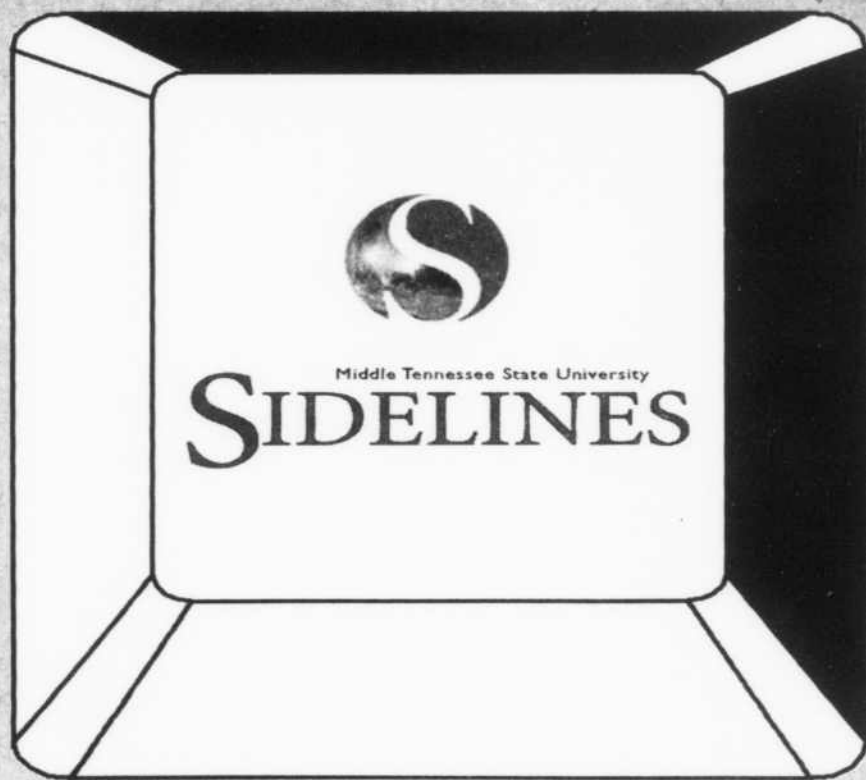
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# Sports Briefs

From Associated Press Reports

## Olympic lawsuit by drug enforcer loses defendant

DENVER (AP) — The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency was dismissed as a defendant in a suit filed by Dr. Wade Exum, who once oversaw the U.S. Olympic Committee's drug enforcement efforts.

Exum's suit, which also named the USOC as a defendant, claimed he was passed over for the director's job of the anti-doping agency because he is black.

U.S. District Judge Robert Blackburn ruled Exum hadn't proved that he formally applied for the job or that he was discriminated against.

## WNBA faces shutdown over contract negotiations

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA commissioner David Stern told WNBA players that unless they settle their contract dispute by April 18, the 2003 season for the women's league will not be played.

The contract with WNBA players expired last Sept. 15, and negotiations have gone nowhere. The union is demanding substantial pay increases and free agency among other

things.

The WNBA rookie minimum salary is \$30,000 and the veterans' minimum is \$40,000 for the four-month season that begins with training camp in late April.

While the league says the average salary is \$60,000, the union says it is closer to \$46,000, excluding benefits. Top players reportedly earn a base salary of \$79,500.

## Hornets to change leagues to allow for expansion

NEW YORK (AP) — The New Orleans Hornets will move to the NBA's Western Conference by the 2004-05 season at the latest.

The league's owners approved the shift, which will allow an expansion team in Charlotte to be in the Eastern Conference when it begins play in 2004.

The Hornets left Charlotte after last season and moved to New Orleans.

Deputy commissioner Russ Granik said the Hornets have the option to switch to the West next season.

The team will have to let the league know before the schedule is drawn up.

## Yankee import nails grand slam in home opener

NEW YORK (AP) — Hideki Matsui hit his first major league home run, connecting for a grand slam in the fifth inning of the New York Yankees' home opener against the Minnesota Twins.

In his first game at Yankee Stadium, Matsui showed fans the power that earned him the nickname Godzilla in Japan.

After Bernie Williams was intentionally walked to load the bases with one out, Matsui worked the count full against Joe Mays as fans chanted "Mat-su-i! Mat-su-i!"

## Strawberry's sentence over after serving 11 months

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Darryl Strawberry was released from Gainesville Correctional Institution after serving 11 months of an 18-month prison sentence for violating probation on cocaine possession charges.

Strawberry's imprisonment stemmed from a 1999 arrest for cocaine possession in Tampa. He later pleaded no contest to the charge and received probation, which he violated six times before being sentenced to

prison by Hillsborough Circuit Court Judge Ralph Steinberg last April 29.

## Bowa's suspension upheld in game against Braves

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Larry Bowa's one-game suspension was upheld, forcing the Philadelphia Phillies' manager to serve the penalty when his team played Atlanta.

Bowa was suspended for one game and fined April 2 by Bob Watson, baseball's vice president in charge of discipline. Bowa incited the benches to clear during a spring training game against Toronto.

## Kwan and Plushenko win figure skating tournament

World champions Michelle Kwan and Evgeni Plushenko completed perfect seasons by winning the International Figure Skating Challenge.

Kwan took an unusual approach to her craft, and it paid off very handsomely.

She skated in only four events, finishing first at Skate America, the U.S. championships, the world championships and here.

## Real Madrid win first round in Championship Cup

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Raul Gonzalez scored twice and Luis Figo once to lead defending champion Real Madrid over Manchester United 3-1 in the first leg of their European Champions Cup quarterfinal.

In the other quarterfinal, Ajax Amsterdam and A.C. Milan played a scoreless tie in the Netherlands.

## Reyes to miss rest of season due to left knee injury

CHANTILLY, Va. (AP) — D.C. United defender Milton Reyes will miss most of the season with a left knee injury.

The Honduran international tore a ligament in a scrimmage at Richmond on Saturday. He will be sidelined at least five months.

## Riml and Morin promoted as coaches for U.S. ski team

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — The U.S. Ski Team promoted Patrick Riml to coach of the national women's team and appointed Mike Morin to coach the men's slalom and giant slalom.

Riml coached the U.S. women on the Europa Cup circuit the last three seasons. He replaces Marjan Cernigoi, who resigned after 11 years with the U.S. team.

Morin, who coached the men's Europa Cup team last season, replaces Martin Andersen, who resigned Monday to pursue opportunities closer to his home in Norway.

## Armstrong, Ullrich struggle in first leg of French circuit

FONTENAY-LE-COMTE, France (AP) — Four-time defending Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong competed against longtime rival Jan Ullrich in the first leg of the Circuit de la Sarthe, but neither finished among the leaders.

France's Carlos Da Cruz won the stage in 5 hours, 10 minutes, 13 seconds, just ahead of Russia's Alexei Sivakov. Italy's Massimo Strazzer was third, nearly six minutes behind the leaders.

Ullrich, who won the 1997 Tour de France, was 22nd in the 117-mile stage between Nantes and Fontenay-le-Comte. Armstrong was 26th. ♦

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## Sun Belt Conference News and Notes

### 2003 Sun Belt Baseball Records

	Sun Belt Games			Pct.	All Games			Pct.
	W	L	T		W	L	T	
Arkansas State	6	2	0	.750	16	14	0	.533
New Mexico State	6	3	0	.667	27	8	0	.771
Fla. International	6	3	0	.667	27	10	0	.730
South Alabama	4	2	0	.667	21	9	0	.700
Western Kentucky	4	4	0	.500	16	12	0	.571
Louisiana-Lafayette	4	5	0	.444	12	23	0	.343
Arkansas-Little Rock	2	4	0	.333	18	12	0	.600
Middle Tennessee	3	6	0	.333	13	17	0	.433
New Orleans	0	6	0	.000	15	16	0	.484

#### Arkansas State

Arkansas State is atop the Sun Belt Conference standings and went 3-1 last week in conference play. The Indians won a pair of non-conference games over Memphis and Murray while splitting with Western Kentucky.

The last time ASU began a conference season 6-2 was in 1996 when the Indians finished 32-27. ASU won seven of its past 10 games.

The Tribe belted .319 as a team and its pitching staff had an ERA of 2.06. The Indians Matt Rogelstad batted .400 in four games last week, going 6-for-15 at the plate with six RBI, two doubles and belted one home run. Indian hurler Karnie Vertz tossed a complete game in ASU's 6-1 victory over WKU.

#### South Alabama

South Alabama moved into a three-way tie in the league standings with New Mexico State and Florida International after sweeping Sun Belt Conference cellar dweller New Orleans. The Jaguars swept the Privateers for the second straight time in a series in Mobile and have now beaten New Orleans nine consecutive times in Mobile.

The Jaguars are hot, winning 15 of their last 17 games. Senior left fielder Ryan Mulhern belted his 10th homerun of the season on Sunday and needs four more to become the Jaguars all-time leader in round trippers. Mulhern is the only Jaguar to collect 10 or more homers in three consecutive seasons. Senior Hurler Tony Neal collected his fifth win of the season in an extra-inning game with UNO. ♦

## Baseball: Next game away

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burnt the Tigers outfielder making its way to center field wall.

Although a valiant effort on a groggy evening, a pair of runs would be all the offense the Blue Raiders could muster in the contest.

"Both teams played good

baseball, but tonight it was tough to hit and Memphis executed at the plate much better than we did," Peterson said.

The Blue Raiders return to action this weekend when they take to the road for a Sun Belt Conference showdown with Arkansas State in Jonesboro, Ark. ♦

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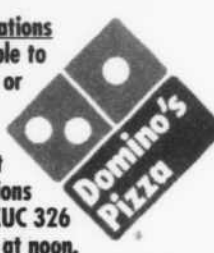


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